

# The American Library in Paris

*A center for literature, learning, culture, and community*

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*e-Libris*

This bi-monthly electronic newsletter highlights upcoming events, exhibitions and programs, and introduces you to our resources, services, and the people making a difference on the Library's behalf.

## Des Américains à Paris

After Japan, Korea, Morocco, India and China, the Jardin d'Acclimatation in Neuilly continues its world tour and will feature the United States from April 11 to May 10. The Library will be there on Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19.



Discover a main alleyway transformed into an American avenue in the heart of this beautiful park. Every day from 14h00 - 18h00, enjoy a variety of dance, music and sport demonstrations.

Visit our website for [more details and a link to the online program](#).

## Treasures in the Library – Travel Books



A good travel book has wings and the ability to transport us, word by word, tale by tale. It introduces us to the people and places that make travel worthwhile. Good travel stories are, in a word, magic. Not only do they show us the world, they help us define our place within it.

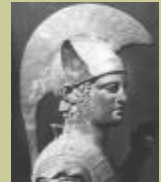
From 'Arctic Dreams', 'City of Djinn: A Year in Delhi' and 'Bad Land: An American Romance' to 'A Moveable Feast',

## Kids and teens

**Saturday 18 April**  
**15h00-16h00 (ages 6-12)**

*Greeks bearing gifts*

Join the (Greek-Canadian!) children's librarian as she shares photos and maps of Greece and



tells some of her favourite Greek myths. Learn more about the ancient gods, practice the Greek alphabet, and read and write your first Greek words.

**Saturday 25 April**  
**15h00-16h00 (ages 8-12)**

*Scrabble Saturday*

Maybe you've never played Scrabble before, or maybe



you're a Scrabble champion! Beginners and pros are welcome to join Celeste Rhoads

'Balkan Ghosts' and 'Seven Years in Tibet.' Discover these and many other titles on display just inside the Library entrance near the welcome desk. Enjoy the journey.

## Techy Tip – Develop your own online Library

Interested in creating your own library at home, then sharing it with other book lovers online? Here are a few services that can get you started!

[www.Librarything.com](http://www.Librarything.com) and  
[www.anobii.com](http://www.anobii.com)

Both enable you to put your "bookshelf" on line, write and read reviews, swap books, read "advance copies," and more. One noticeable difference: Anobii allows you to keep track of the books you borrow and lend, while Librarything can be useful for finding comments. *Note: the Anobii site was experiencing a few hiccups and was temporarily down at the time of sending this e-mail.*

Do you have a techy tip suggestion, like these from a library member? Send along your ideas to e-Libris, we'd love to hear from you.



## Upcoming Events and Programs

### Wednesday 15 April 19h30

Evenings with an Author: Charles Glass presents his new book on Americans who stayed in France through the

for a fun game of Scrabble in English. Have fun playing in teams or individually.

### Calling young writers!

It's not too late to enter your story in the *7th Annual Red Wheelbarrow Creative Writing Contest* - open to all children and teens writing in English in the Paris region. The deadline is April 30th.

Information on the contest, writing guidelines, and more can be found on the [Red Wheelbarrow website](#).

### And always...

#### Mother Goose Lap Sit 10h30-11h00 (ages 1-3)

16 April & 7 May  
Rhymes, songs, and stories in English.

#### Wednesday Story Hour

#### 10h30 & 14h30 (ages 3-5)

15 April *more dates below*

Spend an hour together sharing a good book. No sign-ups needed.

Occupation.

**Wednesday 22 April 19h30**

Evenings with an Author: Sarah Lyall presents 'The Anglo Files: A Field Guide to the British,' her provocative new book on the folkways of the people across the Channel.

**Wednesday 15 April 19h30**

Evenings with an Author: Tom Fels has written a bittersweet memoir of life on one of the better-known communal farms of the late 1960s. Take a trip back in the book 'Farm Friends.'

For more details, see the [Events and Programs](#) page on our website.

All evening events at the Library are free and open to the public. We are grateful to the Annenberg Foundation for its continuing support of Evenings with an Author.

22 and 29 April  
*afternoon session only*  
14h30-15h30  
Join us for classics and favourites with Library volunteers Brandi and Maddy.

Unless otherwise stated, all children and teen programs are free for Library members and 9 euros for non-members.

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